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## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

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Tel. No. Chippenham 2821, Extension 49.

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Boroughs of Calne, Chippenham and Malmesbury, and

The Rural District of Calne and Chippenham.

Assistant County Medical Officer.

School Medical Officer.

(b) SECRETARY TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

S.G.V. Williamson, Cert. R.I.P.H.H.

(c) CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR.

R.S. Pierce, Cert. S.I.B., Meat and Other Food Inspector's Cert.

(d) SENIOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

R.T. Baynham, Cert. S.I.B., Meat and Other Food Inspector's Cert.
Diploma of the Royal Society of Health for Smoke Inspectors.

(e) ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

D. Peck, Cert. P.H.I.E.B., Cert. R.S.H., Meat and Other Food Inspector's Cert.

The Public Health Committee of the Council deals with all matters relating to public health.

The Chairman and Members,
Malmesbury Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1967, in accordance with Regulation 15(5) of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Great changes and improvements have taken place in the Rural District, particularly in the field of public health, since my appointment as your Medical Officer of Health on the 1st October, 1945.

The population of the Rural District, as given by the Registrar General, at the end of 1946 was 8,786, compared to the present estimate of 10,870. The number of inhabited houses was 2,511; it is now 3,521. The rateable value was then £46,634; it is now £294,236, and a penny rate product was £204; it is now £1,201.

The birth rate is 17.9 per 1,000 of the population, compared to 20.2 in 1946. The death rate is now 11.7 compared to a rate of 12.2 and the death rate of infants under one year of age in 1946 was 33.7; it is now 21 per 1,000 live births.

Apart from bi-annual outbreaks of measles amongst the child population, no major epidemics of infectious disease have occurred in the Rural District during my term of office as your Medical Officer of Health. The last confirmed case of Diphtheria was notified during 1953, and there have been no cases of Poliomyelitis since 1958; the value of the immunising schemes for the control of these two serious infections will therefore be readily appreciated. It is worthy of comment that cases of Smallpox, Typhoid and Paratyphoid have been completely conspicuous by their absence. The Wiltshire County Council's scheme of measles vaccination will still further reduce the amount of sickness in the child population.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis is not yet eradicated and it is essential that children are immunised against this infection when necessary, and that the adult population makes full use of the services of the Mass Radiography Unit whenever it is available.

Intestinal infections have, in the past, occupied the Public Health Department in detailed bacteriological and environmental investigations. Strict observance of personal hygiene is essential if these infections are to be prevented in the future.

The expectation of life has been raised and more of the population, particularly women, can now look forward to survival to at least three score years and ten - an infrequent event in the past.

The activities of the Council in providing good housing, adequate sewage disposal and refuse collection, a pure water supply, and supervision of the handling and distribution of food, have been major contributions to the present satisfactory state of the public health.

My thanks are due to the Council and its Officers for the unfailing courtesy I have always received during my long service as your Medical Officer of Health, and I leave with regret an appointment which I have found to be both interesting and stimulating.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

C.L. BROOMHEAD.

Medical Officer of Health.

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Area (in acres) ... ... ... ... | 57,705 |
| Population (Registrar General's estimate) ... ... | 10,870 |
| Number of inhabited houses (end of 1967 according to Rate Book | 3,521 |
| Number of Council dwellings at the end of 1967 ... | 572 |
| Number of applicants for Council dwellings at the end of 1967 | 279 |
| Rateable value ... ... ... ... | £294,236 |
| Sum represented by the Penny Rate (estimated). | £1,201 |

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Birth and Death Rates as compared with other areas.
(Births and Deaths per 1,000 population) standardised.*

| | Birth Rate | | Death Rate | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1966 | 1967 | 1966 | 1967 |
| Malmesbury Rural District | 18.9 | 17.9 | 10.1 | 11.7 |
| Malmesbury Borough ... | 18.7 | 14.9 | 12.9 | 8.7 |
| Wiltshire ... | 18.7 | 17.8 | 10.4 | 10.2 |
| England and Wales ... | 17.7 | 17.2 | 11.7 | 11.2 |

*Area comparability factors are supplied to each district by the Registrar General. These take into account the varying age/sex distribution of the population in different parts of the country. When applied to the local rates, they allow a more accurate comparison to be made between different areas.

### Still Births.

One still birth was notified during 1967. The rate per 1,000 total live and still births is 5. The rate for England and Wales is given by the Registrar General as 15.4.

### Infant Mortality.

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year of age ... | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Under 4 weeks of age ... | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Under 1 week of age ... | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Infant mortality rate for the District (per 1,000 live births) ... | | ... | 21 |
| Comparative rate for England and Wales (per 1,000 live births) ... | | ... | 19 |

Deaths - Analysis of Causes of Death.

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | - | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 5 | - | 5 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 4 | 4 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Diabetes | - | 3 | 3 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 3 | 13 | 16 |
| Coronary disease, angina | 20 | 10 | 30 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other heart disease | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| Other circulatory disease | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pneumonia | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Bronchitis | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| All other accidents | 1 | - | 1 |
| Suicide | - | 2 | 2 |
| Total All Causes | 53 | 55 | 108 |

As in previous years, more than half of the deaths registered in the Rural District during 1967 were due collectively to Cancer, Heart Disease and Coronary Disease.

INFECTIOUS AND NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Notifiable diseases are those conditions defined in the appropriate sections of Public Health Legislation, and the number is limited.

At present, some notifiable diseases are largely of historic value and much non-notifiable disease is of greater public health importance. Notification serves two main purposes, it is of epidemiological and statistical value to the Ministry of Health and major authorities and is of immediate importance in the control of infectious disease among the local community. Early notification is essential if control measures are to be effective.

Apart from an outbreak of measles during the first quarter of the year, involving a total of ninety seven children, mostly in the five to nine year age group, four cases of whooping cough, two cases of dysentery and three cases of salmonella infection (not found to be food borne), the Rural District enjoyed freedom from epidemic infectious disease during the year under review. Once again, it is particularly gratifying to report that none of the serious infections, e.g. Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Typhoid or Smallpox, occurred.

Tuberculosis.

Only one case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified and confirmed by the Chest Pyhsician. The patient's environment was fully investigated. Surveillance of family and other contacts of the case has been carried out by the County Chest Physician.

## PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

Under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1948 provision for vaccination against Smallpox, Diphtheria and such other diseases as the Minister may approve, is the responsibility of the County Council Health Committee. Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is available from one's family doctor and from County Council Child Welfare Immunisation Clinics. Triple antigen is now universally used and a course of injections with vaccine protects against all these diseases. With older children, vaccine immunising against Diphtheria and Tetanus, or Tetanus alone is available. Polio vaccination using Sabin oral vaccine is offered at Clinics and by General Practitioners. Smallpox vaccination is carried out by the General Practitioners at their patient's request.

I am indebted to Dr. C.D.L. Lycett, the County Medical Officer of Health for the following figures concerning immunisation and vaccination procedures carried out in the Rural District during the year:-

### Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus.

| Year of Birth. | | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1963 | 1958-62 | 1952-57 | Others under 16 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Primary imms. | Diph. | 63 | 77 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | - |
| completed | Wh/c. | 63 | 75 | 8 | - | - | - | - | - |
| during 1967. | Tet. | 63 | 77 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | - |
| Reinf. injects. | Diph. | - | 30 | 47 | 9 | 2 | 118 | 7 | - |
| administered | Wh/c. | - | 18 | 37 | 6 | 2 | 14 | - | - |
| during 1967. | Tet. | - | 30 | 47 | 9 | 2 | 118 | 9 | - |

### Smallpox.

| | Months | | | | Years | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Age group. | 0-3 | 3-6 | 6-9 | 9-12 | 1 | 2-4 | 5-15 |
| Vaccinations | - | 2 | - | 3 | 32 | 6 | 5 |
| Re-vaccinations | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |

### Poliomyelitis.

| Age group. | 3rd Quad. | 2nd inj. | 3rd inj. or 4 Quad. | 4th inj. | 3 oral doses. | 2 orals after 2 injs. | 4th oral after 3 injs. or 3 oral. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1967 | - | - | - | - | 61 | - | - |
| 1966 | - | - | - | - | 82 | - | 24 |
| 1965 | - | - | - | - | 7 | - | 23 |
| 1964 | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | 2 |
| 1963 | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | 2 |
| 1958-62 | - | - | - | - | 33 | - | 106 |
| 1952-57 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 6 |
| Others under 16 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - |
| Others over 16 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| TOTALS | - | - | - | - | 194 | - | 164 |

## LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES.

The County Council Health Committee provide the following Health Services:-

1. The care of expectant and nursing mothers.
2. Provision of midwives and maternity nurses.
3. Provision of Health Visitors. A new development is the arrangement whereby Health Visitors will work in closer liaison with General Practitioners.
4. Home Nurses.
5. Arrangements for vaccination and immunisation.
6. Ambulances.
7. Mental Health Services.
8. Home Helps. Such help is available if members of a household are ill, lying in, suffering from mental illness or aged. A charge is made for such services.
9. Arrangements for the prevention of illness, care and aftercare.
10. Health Education.

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES.

School Health Services are provided by the County Education Committee. In addition to the routine inspection of children of certain age groups in Schools, a variety of facilities are provided with the aim of finding, assessing and treating physical and mental handicaps, so helping the child to make the best use of education.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

### North-Eastern Area Scheme.

The following letter was sent to the Clerk of the Council on the 28th December, 1967:-

"Further to our telephone conversation, I understand that the Council requires a statement from me as to the need for this scheme in view of the present financial restrictions.

The Council and the Wiltshire County Council have received in the past numerous complaints from the residents of these parishes. In my opinion, the complaints are fully justified as the present lack of adequate sewage disposal is a danger to the public health.

Since my report to the Council in February, 1965, on the need for a scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal, the position has not improved, and regard should be given to the report of the Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. R.S. Pierce, dated February, 1965.

The lack of adequate sewage disposal is particularly evident in the parishes of Minety and Lea and Cleverton, nevertheless the same remarks apply to the remaining parishes covered by the proposed North-Eastern Scheme.

In spite of the financial restrictions, I consider that the Minister of Housing and Local Government should be informed that the proposed scheme can no longer be delayed."

REPORT OF SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1967.

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OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

( As at 31st December, 1967).

| | |
|---|---|
| R.S. Pierce | Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector. |
| R.T. Baynham | Senior Additional Public Health Inspector. |
| D. Peck | Additional Public Health Inspector. |
| M.H. Martin | Engineering Assistant. |
| B.W. Townsend | Building Inspector. |
| J. Kerslake | Clerk of Works. |
| J.H. Humphreys (Mrs) | Housing Management Assistant (part-time). |
| G.J. Poulton (Miss) | Shorthand Typist/Clerical Assistant. |
| C. Gemlik (Miss) | Shorthand Typist/Clerical Assistant. |

HOUSING.

Council Houses.

The Council own:- Elderly persons' grouped dwellings comprising 20 bungalows, warden's flat and communal rooms.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Other dwellings:- | 24 | 1 bedroomed | bungalows |
| | 76 | 2 " | " |
| | 25 | 2 " | houses |
| | 416 | 3 " | " |
| | 10 | 4 " | " |
| | 551 | | |

20 families were rehoused in existing Council houses through changes of tenancy during the year.

All applicants for Council houses who either live or work in the Rural District are registered without any waiting period or immediate investigation of their circumstances.

The number of such applicants at the end of the year was 279.

A considerable number of these applicants are persons who live outside but work in the District and would like to move nearer to their work. It is also found on investigation that while many people would like to rent a Council house and apply accordingly, the number in actual need of alternative accommodation is very much smaller.

The Council has negotiated with Reema Construction Limited and accepted a tender for the completion of the development of the Parklands site at Bristol Road, Malmesbury, by the erection of 26, 3 bedroomed houses, 28, 2 bedroomed and 4, 1 bedroomed bungalows and an additional 6 bed/sitter bungalows to be linked to the present old people's dwellings. These dwellings are the first Council-owned in the District to be central-heated. The work is well in hand and when the scheme is completed it is expected to be able to deal with most urgent and needy applications for accommodation.

The scheme also includes 27 garages.

As many repairs as possible are carried out by direct labour but most exterior painting is being carried out by Contract. This very necessary maintenance has not been carried out as often as desired and an attempt is now being made to catch up with the back-log.

The average cost of repair of houses during 1967 was about £16. 10. 0d. per house with an additional cost of approximately £3 per house for maintenance of sewage plants, management etc.

No schemes for the improvement of pre-war Council houses have been carried out during the year as it has been decided that the improvement of houses at Lea Crescent; Wick Road, Oaksey; Sawyers Hill, Minety and St. Johns, Dauntsey must await main sewerage schemes.

Up to the end of 1966, 126 houses have been improved.

78 garages are now owned by the Council, and a tender has been accepted and work commenced on 8 at Avon Rise, Luckington.

Private Enterprise Building.

It will be noticed that there has been a considerable increase in the number of houses completed during the year but there has been a decrease in the number of applications submitted for approval. Many of the permissions granted in previous years have not been taken up and the higher rate of building is likely to continue for some years.

Administration of Building Regulations, 1965.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of plans submitted for approval | 161 |
| No. of plans passed | 160 |
| No. of houses completed during the year | 80 |
| No. in course of erection | 83 |
| No. of inspections in connection therewith | 1647 |

Town and Country Planning Act, 1962.

The Council continued to exercise the powers of delegation by the Wilts. County Council with regard to development control.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of applications for permission to develop | 165 |
| No. approved without conditions | 67 |
| No. approved with conditions | 71 |
| No. of applications withdrawn | 12 |
| No. of applications refused | 21 |
| No. of applications not yet determined | 8 |
| No. of inspections in connection therewith | 328 |

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Two site licences were issued during the year for the stationing of single caravans, bringing the number of caravans licenced to 82 on 31 sites. Many of the sites however are at present void and at the end of the year, a total of approximately 56 caravans were stationed on 17 sites.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of inspections | 33 |

Inspection of Dwellings.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of inspections of dwellings for defects under Housing or Public Health Acts. | 221 |
| No. of dwellings found to be unfit for human habitation. | 26 |
| No. found to be not in all respects fit. | 48 |
| No. of dwellings repaired by informal action. | 48 |
| No. of cases of statutory action. | NIL |
| No. of houses demolished. | 8 |
| No. of houses closed. | NIL |
| No. of undertakings accepted. | NIL |
| No. of overcrowded dwellings known at end of year. | NIL |

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958. (As Amended).
House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959. (As Amended).
Improvement Grants.

The number of applications for grant shows a slight decrease on the previous year but the number of schemes completed is considerably greater.

It is estimated that nearly half of the houses in the District which need and are suitable for improvement have been dealt with.

Discretionary Grants.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of applications received during the year. | 22 |
| No. of applications approved. | 22 |
| No. of applications withdrawn. | NIL |
| No. of schemes completed. | 35 |
| Average grant per dwelling | £369. 1s. 9d. |

## Standard Grants.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of applications for standard grants received during the year | 12 |
| No. of grants approved during the year | 12 |
| No. of amenities provided during the year - | |
| Baths | 7 |
| Basins | 7 |
| Hot water supplies | 7 |
| Water closets | 7 |
| Foodstores | 6 |
| No. of inspections of grant aided premises | 278 |

## WATER.

During the year the following samples from main supplies were taken for bacteriological examination:-

| Source. | No. of Samples. | Satisfactory. | Delayed or Broken in Transit. | Unsatisfactory. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chelworth Main | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| North Wilts. Water Board | 52 | 49 | 3 | - |
| Swindon Corporation Main | 12 | 12 | - | - |
| Westonbirt Main | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Charlton Park (private supply) | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Chedglow (private supply) | 7 | 7 | - | - |
| | 111 | 104 | 5 | 2 |

No. of visits in connection therewith 135

## SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

As I have pointed out in previous reports, the installation of main water supplies throughout practically the whole of the District, and consequent increase in drainage makes the need for main sewerage schemes greater than ever.

The Council's policy has been to encourage house building by private enterprise and the improvement of older property by the installation of water closets and baths, the only possible drainage outfalls in many cases at present being cesspits or septic tanks. In areas with pervious subsoil, effluent disposal by soakage is reasonably efficient but in that part of the District with a clay or water-logged subsoil there are many cases of unauthorised discharge of septic tank effluents to ditches and watercourses which thereby become polluted and lead to complaints often from those persons responsible for the trouble.

The increasing use of detergents is making maintenance and effluent disposal even more difficult than in the past.

Until such time as sewage schemes can be provided, if houses are to be built or improved, the occupants must be prepared to accept a certain amount of inconvenience in drainage disposal.

The Hullavington, Sherston and Great Somerford sewage disposal plants have been well maintained during the year and samples of effluent have been reported to be excellent.

Difficulty is being experienced in disposing of sludge from the works. Farmers appear to be growing more and more reluctant to take the sludge, even free of charge, and it is anticipated that disposal will become more difficult in the future.

The sewering of Startley, Dauntsey Green and Swalletts Gate has been completed and most householders have been quick to take advantage of this amenity and connect their house drains to the sewer. Unfortunately there are a few houses which have not yet been connected and septic tank effluent continues to pollute ditches in some areas.

At last the Minister of Housing and Local Government has given his consent to the invitation of tenders for the North Eastern Sewerage Scheme, and it is hoped that the sewering of the villages in the scheme will soon be in progress.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Refuse is now collected weekly, by direct labour, over the whole of the Rural District.

More householders are realising the need to provide proper covered flyproof dustbins but unsuitable containers such as sacks, cardboard boxes and old baths etc., continue to be used in some circumstances.

The Council's negotiations for the use as a tip of the old railway cutting at Little Somerford have now been completed and tipping is now in progress. This fills a long needed want in the Southern part of the District.

The Old Marl pit at Sherston has been filled and will soon be sealed down. Refuse is still being deposited at Hullavington (owned by the Council) and Chelworth (by agreement with the owner).

| | |
|---|---|
| Milage covered by the lorries | 16,101 |

It is estimated that approximately 2500 tons of refuse was collected during the year, an average of 14 cwt per house.

A bonus scheme for the men is in operation and has worked generally satisfactorily.

## EMPLOYMENT OF WORKMEN.

The Council now employ 14 workmen as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Housing maintenance and repair | 4 full time and 1 part time. |
| Refuse collection and disposal | 4 full time and 3 part time. |
| Sewage disposal | 3 full time and 2 part time. |
| Housing management | 2 part time. |

Workmen engaged on sewage disposal and refuse collection are supplied with protective clothing for use in fine and wet weather and washing facilities have been provided on all of the Council's vehicles. Toilet accommodation and washing facilities have also been provided during the year for the use of the workmen, at the Council's depot at Burton Hill.

The following vehicles are now being operated:-

2 25 cubic yard S. & D. refuse collection lorries.
2 Standard Atlas vans - sewage disposal.
3 " " " - housing repairs and maintenance.

## RODENT CONTROL.

Refuse tips and sewers have been treated for destruction of rats as required.

Private premises are treated without charge, on request.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of properties inspected for infestations | 123 |
| No. of properties found to be infested and treated | 115 |
| Total number of visits in connection with rodent control | 164 |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

8 visits were made and the necessary action taken following reported cases of infectious disease.

## NUISANCES.

Regular inspections have been made over the District to detect and deal with nuisances. It has not been necessary to recommend the Council to take statutary action in any case, all nuisances having been dealt with informally.

## FOOD INSPECTION.

### Meat and Other Foods.

The 3 butchers shops are clean and in good condition and there is 1 licensed slaughterhouse and three licensed slaughtermen. There are no poultry processing premises within the District.

All animals slaughtered in the District for human consumption were inspected and the table below shows the percentage of carcases found to be diseased.

The arrangements and management of the slaughterhouse are satisfactory. A total of 133 lbs. of meat and offal at the slaughterhouse was found to be unfit for human consumption and condemned.

No. of visits to slaughterhouse 67

Carcases inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

| | Cattle excluding Cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep and Lambs. | Pigs. | Horses. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number killed | 60 | NIL | 10 | 14 | 52 | NIL |
| Number inspected | 60 | NIL | 10 | 14 | 52 | NIL |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci. | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemned | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 12 | NIL | 1 | 2 | 2 | NIL |
| % of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci | 20 | NIL | 10 | 14.29 | 3.85 | NIL |
| Tuberculosis only: | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemned | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | 1 | NIL |
| % of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | 1.92 | NIL |
| Cysticerci only: | | | | | | |
| Carcases totally condemned or of which some part or organ was condemned | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |

## SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964.

This Act requires Local Authorities to maintain a register of scrap metal dealers.

No. of dealers registered by the Council during the year 1
Total number of registered dealers at the end of the year 11
No. of visits in connection with registration 4

Milk.

The Wilts. County Council delegated to the Council certain powers and duties under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963.

24 samples of heat treated milk were taken during the year and tested for keeping quality and satisfactory heat treatment and 11 samples of untreated milk were tested for keeping quality. 1 of the untreated samples failed the prescribed test (methylene blue test) and the necessary action was taken. The remainder of the samples were satisfactory. 7 untreated samples were also submitted for biological examination and these were all satisfactory.

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of licensed distributors | 7 |
| No. of distributors licensed to sell pasteurised milk | 5 |
| No. " " " " " U.H.T. " | 2 |
| No. of producer/retailers and distributors licensed to sell untreated milk | 5 |
| No. of inspections of premises | 16 |

Due mainly to the efforts of the Public Health Inspectors to encourage the sale of heat treated milk, not all the producer/retailers and distributors who are licensed to sell untreated milk are at present doing so, and it is hoped that this trend will continue.

Bakehouses.

The only bakehouse in the District is satisfactory.

Ice-cream.

No ice-cream is manufactured in the District, and all sold is prepacked by the Makers.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of premises registered and selling ice-cream | 46 |
| No. of inspections | 20 |

Public Houses.

Progress continues to be made in the provision of adequate sanitary conveniences and cleansing facilities in public houses, and most are now satisfactory.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of inspections | 22 |

Food Hygiene Regulations.

The mobile vehicles operating in the District are generally satisfactory and only relatively minor infringements of the Food Hygiene (Market, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations have been found. These have been dealt with informally.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of inspections of mobile food vehicles | 20 |

All premises in the District used for the sale of food are generally in good condition and well maintained. Any improvements necessary to comply with the Regulations have been carried out without resort to legal proceedings.

Schedule of Food Premises in the District.

| | Number | Number fitted to comply with Regulation 16 | Number to which Regulation 19 applies | Number fitted to comply with Regulation 19 | No. of Inspns |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Butchers | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Grocers (including General Stores | 34 | 34 | 25 | 25 | 24 |
| Bakers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Public Houses | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 22 |
| Restaurants and Canteens | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 |
| | 75 | 75 | 66 | 66 | 64 |

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the District.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957.

Only two premises in the District are now registered under the above Order. Both are satisfactory.

No. of visits 6

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

All premises licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit and carbide of calcium are satisfactory.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of premises licensed for storage of petroleum spirit | 70 |
| No. of premises licensed for storage of calcium carbide | 1 |
| No. of premises licensed for storage of petroleum mixtures | 2 |
| No. of inspections | 62 |

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

All premises licensed for the boarding of animals under the above Act are generally satisfactory.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of licensed animal boarding establishments | 8 |
| No. of inspections | 19 |

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| | No. on Register. | Inspns. | No. of Written Notices. | Prosecutions. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| i) Factories in which Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A's. | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A's. | 30 | 8 | 2 | NIL |
| iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises). | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| | 30 | 8 | 2 | NIL |

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

| Particulars. (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of Prosecutions (6) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4) | Referred by H.M. Inspector. (5) | |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective. | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes. | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | - |

MALMESBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1967.

Registrations and General Inspections (Table A).

| Class of Premises (1) | Number of premises registered during the year (2) | Total number of registered premises at end of year (3) | Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year (4) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Offices | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| Retail Shops | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses | - | 2 | 1 |
| Catering establishments etc., | - | 1 | - |
| Fuel storage depots | - | - | - |
| Totals | 2 | 21 | 11 |

Number of Visits of All Kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises (Table B).



Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace (Table C).

| Class of workplace (1) | No. of persons employed (2) |
|---|---|
| Offices | 38 |
| Retail Shops | 27 |
| Wholesale departments, warehouses | 10 |
| Catering establishments etc., | 12 |
| Canteens | - |
| Fuel storage depots | - |
| Total | 87 |
| Total Males | 31 |
| Total Females | 56 |

Exemptions (Section D).

No applications for exemptions have been made under any Part of the Act during the year.
Number of exemptions current at 31st December: NIL.

Prosecutions (Section E).

No prosecutions have been instituted under any Part of the Act during the year.

Inspectors (Section F).

Number of inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act: 3.
Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. NIL.